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B.C. flu cases rise by 7 to total of 46

HEALTH Seven new cases of Influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, were confirmed in B.C. yesterday.

The latest cases bring the total to 46 confirmed infections in this province — all are mild and did not require hospitalization.

That number could skyrocket soon, as three students at Decker Lake Elementary School near Prince George tested positive for the virus on Monday, according to CBC News.

With about two-dozen students calling in sick on Friday, it's likely that the number of infections at that school could reach as many as 30 children.

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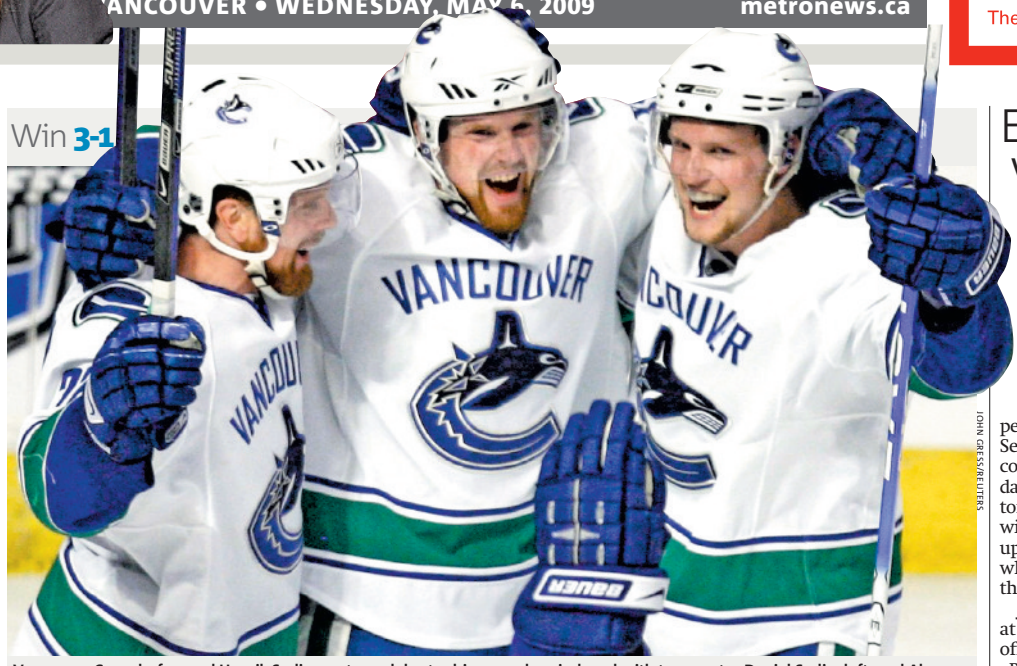

Win 3-1

Vancouver Canucks forward Henrik Sedin, centre, celebrates his second period goal with teammates Daniel Sedin, left, and Alexander Edler against the Chicago Blackhawks in Game 3 of the NHL Western Conference semifinal series in Chicago last night. The Canucks regained home-ice advantage with a 3-1 win. Coverage, page 10.

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Bail denied in appeal of 2005-murder conviction

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A woman serving a life sentence for her role in the beating death of a Vancouver teenager has been denied an application to be released on bail while she appeals her conviction.

Katherine Quinn, 26, and her boyfriend Robert Forslund, 30, were sentenced to second-degree murder in the death of Matthew Martins. Forslund was convicted for administering the fatal blows and Quinn for encouraging him.

According to witnesses, Quinn told Forslund, "If you love me, you'll kill him," during the 2005 attack outside Surrey Central SkyTrain.

Martins' mother, Sandra Martins-Toner, who turned 38 yesterday, clutched her husband and sobbed as the judge rendered her decision in B.C. Supreme Court.

"This is the best birthday present I could ever ask for," she said.

Quinn's lawyer argued that she played no actual role in the murder, calling the attack a "spontaneous" Saturday night fight between drunk teenagers.

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David Toner and Sandra Martins-Toner speak to reporters outside the B.C. Supreme Court in Vancouver.

But Crown counsel Mary Ainslie said it would undermine public confidence in the judicial system to release a convicted killer on bail before a judge has decided whether she deserves a new trial.

In her reasons for denying bail, Justice Mary Newbury noted that Quinn has shown no remorse.

"She has had a terrible temper, lacks insight into her own personality (and) does not have a family background that will (help her) turn her life in the right direction," Newbury said.

Martins' parents said they were "elated" with the verdict but added that the appeal was a waste of the public's time and money.

"There's no reason why families should be put through this again and again," said Martins-Toner.

EBay closing Vancouver office

CONSOLIDATION Online auction giant eBay is shutting down its Vancouver office where about 700 customer service agents are employed.

The closure, which is expected by the end of September, is part of the company's plans to consolidate its North America customer service facilities. It will compensate by beefing up its Salt Lake City office, which already has more than 900 workers.

Jobs will also be created at other customer service offices around the world, eBay representatives said in a release yesterday.

Chad O'Meara, vice-president, customer service, said customer support operations within its PayPal and Skype businesses will not be impacted

"While it is a difficult decision to close our Vancouver facility, we believe that consolidating our North America customer service operations will help accelerate our efforts to continually exceed buyer and seller expectations," O'Meara said.

EBay, which was founded in 1995 in San Jose, Calif., is the world's largest e-commerce marketplace with 88 million active users.

It has been in cost-cutting mode over the past few months as it grapples with declining sales and profit in its core marketplaces arm.

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B-boy crew to hit Gossip Nightclub
Quest Crew, winners of Randy Jackson's America's Best Dance Crew, will be at Gossip Nightclub in Vancouver on Friday night. The members of the b-boy group from the popular reality TV show will perform their mind-blowing moves until 2 a.m. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Zidane & Friends tickets available

Tickets to see legendary French soccer player Zinedine Zidane face off against Vancouver's top soccer talent go on sale tomorrow at 10 a.m. through Ticketmaster. Zidane will be in town July 4 at B.C. Place Stadium for the Zidane & Friends Canadian Soccer Tour, accompanied by European players like Gennaro Gattuso and Samuel Eto'o. METRO VANCOUVER

Burrard bike lane debate goes on

8 cyclists injured last year while trying to cross bridge, says UBC researcher

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Eight adult cyclists were treated in emergency rooms over a five-month period last year for injuries suffered while trying to cross the Burrard Street Bridge, a UBC researcher told Vancouver city council yesterday during a meeting to discuss trial bike lane reallocation.

Councillors are considering turning one or two lanes of the historic bridge into cycling routes.

A six-month trial would aim to gather data on how closing lanes would impact drivers before the city spends major money expanding the bridge deck or constructing a cycling bridge.

Kay Teschke, a professor at the University of B.C.'s school of population and public health, told councillors that five of the eight injuries last year involved motor vehicles.

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

A cyclist crosses the Burrard Street Bridge yesterday afternoon. Vancouver city councillors are considering turning one or two traffic lanes into bike lanes.

Some of the injuries also involved "interactions" with other sidewalk users, where the cyclist fell or was pushed off the raised sidewalk onto the bridge deck.

"Some of the injuries were extremely serious, involving extreme trauma, including head injuries," Teschke said.

By comparison, one cyclist has been injured on each of the Cambie and Granville bridges, Teschke said.

Council, which will further debate the issue tomorrow afternoon, heard from 14 of 21 scheduled speakers. All but two were in favour of a two-lane reallocation trial.

The Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association's executive director, Charles Gauthier, said his organization opposes the trial because it would discourage trips into the downtown area.

He said it is the worst possible time for a lane reallocation because of Canada Line construction on Cambie, and asked that it be delayed until after the Paralympic Games.

Jewelry store thefts on rise: Cops

MINÉ SALKIN
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CRIME Jewelry store thefts are soaring at the same time that bank robberies are on the decline.

"We've had nine jewelry store thefts to date, whereas this time last year we had four," Vancouver police Const. Lindsey Houghton said yesterday.

Bank robberies have decreased from 74 incidences at this time last year to 27 cases in 2009.

The latest jewelry store heist became a high-profile occurrence after police say an armed woman came too close to B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell while fleeing police.

She was arrested on Monday after a woman and a man robbed Montecristo Jewellers only blocks away from the downtown hotel where Campbell was being interviewed.

"She did not know the premier was there, he happened to be in the area," Houghton said.

Police are still looking for the male suspect.

This is the second time Montecristo Jewellers has been targeted in the last two years.

Lions fans starring in commercial

FOOTBALL Rabid B.C. Lions fans are converging on the University of B.C.'s Thunderbird Arena this morning to be extras in the team's television commercial.

Participants who have been asked to dress as typical Lions fans (but told to bring warm clothes in case) will receive two tickets to any regular-season home game.

Shooting begins at 8 a.m. For more information visit bclions.com.

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News in brief

DEATH A 23-year-old man has died after being electrocuted while working on a home in White Rock, cknw.com reports.

HIT-AND-RUN Police in Vancouver have stopped searching for a vehicle involved in a hit-and-run that left a woman in critical condition. Investigators say the vehicle has been turned over by the owner.

LOAN A Vancouver man who was acquitted four years ago in connection with the Air India bombings has been told he has to pay back almost $6 million to the province, news1130.com reports. The money was a loan to help Ripudaman Singh Malik cover his defence costs.

CLOSE CALL A North Vancouver woman escaped unscathed when a tree fell through the roof of her home because of strong winds, news1130.com reports.

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Photos released from drive-thru heist

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SURVEILLANCE Surrey RCMP have released photos of a man who got hot oil thrown on his face while attempting to rob a drive-thru restaurant.

The RCMP are hoping the images will motivate people with information about the suspect to call police.

The man approached the window of a McDonald's drive-thru shortly before midnight on April 29, demanding cash.

As he leaned in through the window, one of the workers threw hot cooking oil on the suspect, presumably burning him.

The robber fled the scene, leaving some of the cash on the ground.

The suspect is about six feet tall and between the ages of 20 and 25.

He may be suffering burns to his face and neck area.

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The suspect in a robbery attempt at a Surrey McDonald's is seen in this surveillance camera image.

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Canadian reps to probe facility collapse

Representatives from a Saskatoon company that built the Dallas Cowboys practice facility are in Texas this week following a structural collapse that injured a dozen people. Some 70 players, coaches, media and others were inside. CBC NEWS ONLINE

Canada

Actor to stage fundraising concert

Canadian actor and musician Tom Jackson is taking to the mic to help out his former hometown of Winnipeg in the wake of the flood that devastated much of southern Manitoba last month. Jackson is staging a flood fundraising concert May 13 at the MTS Centre. The event, Rise Again 2009: The Red Cross Manitoba Flood Relief Concert, will feature artists such as Tom Cochrane, Deborah Cox and JD Fortune, as well as local talent. CBC NEWS ONLINE

Liberals lead in new poll

POLITICS The federal Liberals are ahead of the ruling Conservatives and have enough support to give them a chance of winning a minority government, according to a new poll released yesterday.

The Harris-Decima survey for Canadian Press put the Liberals at 34 per cent support, up two points from a poll carried out last month. The Tories stayed at 29 per cent. The poll was the third in the last few days to show the Liberals ahead. The Conservatives have a minority government and can be brought down if all three opposition parties unite on a confidence vote. REUTERS

News in brief

LABOUR Workers in 300 regulated occupations will find it easier under a new provincial law to move in and out of Ontario for employment, the Liberal government says. The legislation follows an agreement signed by provincial premiers in January to dismantle provincial barriers to labour mobility. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Flaherty keeping EI options open

Finance minister says Tories listening to suggestions from opposition

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty is leaving the door open to improve Employment Insurance (EI) to avoid being forced into an election by the opposition parties in Parliament.

"The opposition parties have some suggestions about what they would consider to be additional improvements to the (EI) system and of course we're listening to what they had to say," Flaherty told reporters.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff is threatening to try to force an election in June if the minority government refuses to improve eligibility requirements so that more laid-off workers can access EI payments. And the New Democrats and Bloc Quebecois are demanding action to beef up EI during the economic crisis.

"There are going to be times when, as elected officials, Christine and I have different policy positions — that is to be expected."
Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, on his wife's stance on EI

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has so far deflected these demands, saying Canada has "a very generous system of employment insurance" that was improved in the last budget. The budget extended the EI benefits period by five weeks and allocated money for additional training programs.

But sources say the Conservatives are considering further improvements to the program.

Flaherty laughed when it was pointed out that even his wife — Ontario MPP Christine Elliott — says more needs to be done fix the EI system.

Elliott complained that many people who lose a job cannot qualify for EI under current rules.

Flaherty responded by saying: "There are going to be times when, as elected officials, Christine and I have different policy positions — that is to be expected. This is 2009; this is not 1909.

"We are emancipated people, and she will think through her own policy positions. I don't expect we will always agree."

The finance minister spoke with reporters at a photo-op to promote the federal government's fledgling Tax-Free Savings Account. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Russia to expel envoys

DIPLOMACY Russia will order out two Canadian NATO envoys today in response to the alliance's expulsion of two Russian diplomats, Interfax news agency quoted an unnamed Foreign Ministry official as saying on Tuesday.

Isabelle Francois, the director of NATO's Information Bureau in the Russian capital, along with a colleague from her office will be stripped of their diplomatic accreditations immediately, Interfax reported.

"The withdrawal of diplomatic accreditation in Russia will be our response," Interfax quoted the official as saying, adding that the Canadian ambassador to Russia would be summoned to the ministry.

"We were not the ones who initiated such behaviour." REUTERS

Parliament **Seal products banned**

BLAIR GABLE/REUTERS

Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Gail Shea speaks in the House of Commons foyer on Parliament Hill yesterday. The European Parliament voted to ban imports of seal products, a step that Canada and Norway have said they will challenge in the world's top trade court.

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U.S. protectionism still an issue: Firm

TRADE A Canadian company landed a contract to supply plastic piping for a new health-care centre at the Camp Pendleton Marine base in California.

But the piping is now being ripped out of the ground. Why? Because the pipes are branded with the words 'Made in Canada.'

"Camp Pendleton is a perfect example of how an excellent product, a brand new product, is going to be pulled out of the ground and be replaced by an American-made product," said Veso Sobot, spokesperson for IPEX Inc.

Clause

- The problem is that much of the $90 billion US is being spent at levels where NAFTA provisions do not override the Buy America clause. Canadian firms may find it very difficult to bid successfully, says Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters president Jayson Myers.

The stakes for Canada's economy are huge. More than $90 billion US has been earmarked for spending on roads, bridges and other infrastructure in the United States.

"Many Canadians believe the issue" of American protectionism "was settled when the U.S. president came into Canada back in February and made assurances that all is well. But it's not," Sobot said at a press conference. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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New tomb uncovered at Egypt's Lahun pyramid

Archeologists have found a nearly 5,000-year-old tomb near Egypt's mud-brick Lahun pyramid, in a sign that the site held religious significance a millennium before previously thought. At left, archeologist Abdul Rahman Ayedi brushes off dust on vessels in the Second Pharaonic Dynasty-era tomb. REUTERS

World

Women in Pope's guard?

After more than five centuries of protecting popes, the Swiss Guard may consider opening the ranks of the world's smallest army to women, its commander said yesterday. The guard currently numbers around 110 Catholic men between 19 and 30 years old. Clad in flamboyant striped uniforms, the guards' roles are largely ceremonial. REUTERS

Wedding feud sparks attack

44 people shot dead at party after dispute between clans

Masked men armed with assault rifles and grenades killed 44 people at a wedding party in southeast Turkey in a blood feud between families over who should marry the bride, authorities said.

The bride and her groom were killed in Monday's attack in Bilge, a village in the conservative heartland of mainly Kurdish southeast Turkey.

"Eight people have been caught and detained, and their weapons confiscated. This can be understood as a blood feud between two families," Interior Minister Besir Atalay said.

The Celebi family had been at odds with each other over land, membership of state-sponsored village guards and more recently over the bride, local residents said.

The attack was sparked by revenge from one part of the Celebi family, unhappy that a son had been passed over for a groom from another family in Diyarbakir, residents said.

State news agency Anatolian quoted witnesses as saying up to six attackers stormed two houses where guests had gathered for prayers after the wedding. The daughter of the village chief was being married when the attack occurred.

The attack was one of the worst involving civilians in the modern history of Turkey. REUTERS

Family rivalries

- Marriages in Turkey's conservative southeast can spark rivalry between clans, as the groom and his family must often pay some kind of prize to the bride's family, and sometimes the highest bidder wins.

Mexicans held in China over flu fears repatriated

ILLNESS Mexico began repatriating dozens of its citizens quarantined in China due to fears of a new flu virus.

An Aeromexico plane arrived in Beijing yesterday to pick up Mexican nationals there after taking on dozens in Shanghai.

None of the 70 or so Mexicans quarantined in China have shown symptoms of the influenza A (H1N1) flu, also known as swine flu. They had been caught up in a drama about how far governments should go to quell fears of passing on the virus.

Xinhua reported that a Chinese chartered flight had collected 79 Chinese nationals in Mexico City before picking up 20 more in Tijuana. China has suspended direct flights to Mexico.

Other flu-affected nations have had citizens ensnared in China's quarantine measures, including more than 20 from Canada and at least four from the U.S.

Mexico is considered the epicentre of the flu outbreak that has infected more than 1,300 people in 22 countries over the past week.

The epidemic appears to be waning in Mexico after 26 deaths there, but a Texas woman was declared yesterday to have died from the illness last week, marking the second death in the U.S., as well as the second outside Mexico. REUTERS

THIERRY ROGE / REUTERS

Belgian students repatriated from Mexico pose with sombreros and surgical masks at Brussels Airport yesterday. About 100 European students in Mexico were repatriated because of a new virus.

Afghans truck bodies to governor after U.S. strikes

HERAT Villagers brought truckloads of bodies to the capital of a province in western Afghanistan yesterday to prove that scores of civilians had been killed by U.S. air strikes in a battle with the Taliban.

The governor of Farah Province, Rohul Amin, said about 30 bodies had been trucked to his office, most of them women and children. Other officials said the overall civilian death toll may have been much higher, with scores of people feared killed while huddled in houses destroyed by U.S. warplanes.

U.S. forces said that a battle had taken place with air strikes and said they were investigating reports of civilian casualties, but could not confirm them.

"There was an insurgent attack on an ANA (Afghan National Army) group and the ANA called for assistance, and some coalition troops joined them to help fight this group," said U.S. military spokesman Col. Greg Julian. He said U.S. and Afghan officials would investigate the reports of civilian deaths today.

Ghulan Farooq, a member of parliament from the province, said he had been told by families in the district that as many as 150 people had died REUTERS

Greek same-sex weddings ruled invalid

ATHENS A Greek court ruled the country's first homosexual weddings, celebrated last year despite official warnings, were invalid, the couples' lawyer said.

Last year, a gay and a lesbian couple defied the threat of criminal charges and the wrath of the Greek Orthodox Church to tie the knot, saying they took advantage of a loophole in Greek civil law, which does not specify gender in matrimony.

A public prosecutor from the neighbouring island of Rhodes took the case to court, saying neither the constitution nor the law referred to same-sex marriage. He asked the court to cancel the weddings and rule the mayor's move to officiate illegal. REUTERS

News in brief

RUSSIA Prosecutors initiated a criminal investigation yesterday into the use of helicopters to hunt endangered goats by senior officials. Seven people died in a helicopter crash in January, including Russian President Dmitry Medvedev's personal envoy to parliament. Environmentalists have said photos from the site appeared to show that endangered Argali goats had been shot.

KABUL Afghanistan's only known pig has been locked in a room, away from visitors to the Kabul zoo, due to public fears about the spread of the swine flu. REUTERS

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Oil firms seizure gets nod

Venezuela's congress yesterday gave initial approval for state seizure of a group of oil service companies, upping the ante in a months-long dispute over billions of dollars in unpaid debts.

The legislation would extend President Hugo Chavez's control over the OPEC nation's oil industry as state oil firm PDVSA struggles amid the drop of crude prices from highs near $150 per barrel last year.

It could directly affect natural gas producer and pipeline company Williams Companies Inc., majority owner of a gas compression facility in Venezuela, which in April reported a $241-million charge related to nonpayment by PDVSA.

The law puts the state in charge of companies providing a range of services previously operated by PDVSA but later contracted out to third parties.

REUTERS

Binge-drinking among British women on the rise, says study

HEALTH More British women are binge-drinking and while fewer children are drinking, those who do are guzzling more, according to research to be published today.

Perhaps surprisingly, young men are consuming less than they used to, the study found.

The number of women who binge-drink had almost doubled to 15 per cent between 1998 and 2006, although women were still less likely to drink than men, and were also likely to consume less. REUTERS

News in brief

ISRAEL U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden stepped up pressure on Israel's new right-leaning government yesterday to accept the goal of a Palestinian state and halt expansion of Jewish settlements on occupied land.

MUTINY Georgia said it put down a mutiny at a military base yesterday and accused Moscow of trying to ferment a wider rebellion. Around 30 tanks and armoured personnel carriers entered the Mukhrovani tank base 19 kilometres from Tbilisi. REUTERS

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Making each vote count

Proportional representation on ballot in provincial election

TheWestView

Fans of democracy will be watching Tuesday's B.C. election, and not just because they're wondering if Gordon Campbell can make it a three-peat.

If you've ever complained your vote doesn't count, you should be watching the results May 12 because, for the second time in four years, B.C. voters will be asked to decide if they want to count their votes differently: The Single Transferable Vote (STV) to replace the current first-past-the-post system.

No, it's not a four-wheel drive vehicle or a sexually transmitted disease. It's a citizen assembly's best idea for making each vote count, and it gets points for sincerity, if not effectiveness.

The current system, universally in place at the provincial and federal level, is the blunt instrument of representation by population: The candidate with the most votes wins. Everybody else comes last. This has come to mean we get powerful governments who can rule for years even if they're elected by less than 50 per cent of eligible voters. And people who vote NDP and Green routinely have to be satisfied with chaining themselves to a tree in order to influence events in the capital.

STV is supposed to change all that. If it passes (it fell two per cent short of the 60 per cent required last time around) in 2013, the province will have 20 electoral districts instead of 85 ridings, with two to seven MLAs representing those districts in Victoria. Instead of marking an X on our ballots, we'll list the candidates in order of preference. If there aren't enough votes to elect someone, then the candidate with the fewest number of votes will be eliminated, and fractions of the votes are distributed among the remaining candidates, based on a complicated formula requiring 12-year-old nerds with computers. (Well, they don't have to be 12, but it helps.)

Gordon Campbell

There are so many inequitable variables, it makes you yearn for the blunt simplicity of first-past-the-post. The size of the districts, the populations, the number of elected representatives, the sun in Virgo — everything gets thrown in. Not to mention the only places STV now operates are Malta, Tasmania and Ireland, which would all fit comfortably into the proposed Northwest region electoral district, which is a staggering 372,000 square kilometres, so it's completely untested in a typical Canadian context (too few people, too much tundra).

It didn't make it last time, and it doesn't look likely this time, which is too bad considering all the work and conviction put into it. But there are other forms of proportional representation that look promising, including mixed-member pro-rep, which was chosen in New Zealand over STV by a majority of voters.

Democracy is flawed, but precious, so let's keep working on it. But let's not forget what we're messing with here: Our freedom. And it's not just another word for nothing left to lose. At least not yet.

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Worth mentioning

Schwarzenegger welcomes debate over legalizing pot

MARIJUANA California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger said yesterday he welcomes a public debate on proposals to legalize and tax marijuana, which some suggest could provide a lucrative new revenue source for the cash-strapped state.

The Republican governor, whose term in office expires at the end of next year, was asked about the idea of treating pot like alcohol at an appearance in northern California to promote wildfire preparedness.

"No, I don't think it's time for that, but I think it's time for a debate," he said. "And I think we ought to study very carefully what other countries are doing that have legalized marijuana and other drugs, what effect it had on those countries, and are they happy with that decision."

The former Hollywood actor, who has admitted smoking marijuana in the past, cited his native Austria as a country where "they want to roll back some of the decisions that were made in European countries."

He said a decision to legalize marijuana, which has been outlawed in the United States since 1937, should not be made on the basis of raising revenues alone.

Schwarzenegger's comments come days after a statewide Field Poll found that 56 per cent of California voters support the idea of legalizing cannabis for recreational use and taxing its proceeds. **REUTERS**

Word on the street: What's your opinion on media coverage of influenza A (H1N1), formerly known as swine flu?

Sharon Abraham
age 28, Vancouver
A: I think the media coverage is overblown, especially in the States. They give it a doomsday mentality.

Tom Masterson
age 23, Vancouver
A: This strain of flu is getting a lot of coverage; more than it should. It's a shame that other health issues don't get the same coverage.

Alexandra Loslier
age 24, Vancouver
A: I actually just got back from Mexico. The media has sensationalized the issue more than necessary.

Sebastian Major
age 24, Ottawa
A: It's blown out of proportion. I lived in Toronto during the whole SARS crisis and there's a lot of scare tactics that went on then.

Leisha Scanlan
age 23, Halifax
A: They seem to be hyperactive on covering it and they're kind of making it more pandemic than it is.

Mike Desilets
age 39, Calgary
A: I think it's a little bit overblown. We have seen these kinds of pandemics raised before and they've just always been precautionary in their nature.

Metro Online Poll Results

10% SAID YES	Has the influenza A (swine flu) scare made you less likely to eat pork? *Weigh in on today's question at metronews.ca*	90% SAID NO

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French fashion website to let customers set prices
A French fashion website plans to let customers pay what they want for 10,000 goods during a four-day promotion it billed as an "anti-recession formula." REUTERS

Business

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Incoming text fee

Rogers to charge 15 cents for messages

Rogers Communications Inc. will begin charging wireless subscribers 15 cents for each incoming text message received on cellphones despite watching federal politicians berate its rivals for implementing similar charges last summer.

Liz Hamilton, a spokesperson for Rogers Wireless, said yesterday the new charges would take effect July 7 for customers who don't subscribe to a text-messaging plan. The company's discount Fido brand is unaffected by the new policy, she said.

Bell Canada Inc. and Telus Corp. announced last July that they would charge 15 cents for each incoming text message, a move that prompted a backlash from consumers and some politicians.

Then-industry minister Jim Prentice ultimately decided the government would not pursue legislation against the carriers, but that didn't stop Prime Minister Stephen Harper from promising during the fall election campaign to outlaw charges for unsolicited commercial text messages, also known as spam. Such measures never came to pass.

The policy for spam at both Telus and Bell is to reimburse customers who receive unsolicited text messages from advertisers.

Rogers subscribers charged for spam are asked to forward the messages to SPAM (7726) so they can get a credit, Hamilton said.

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WestJet Exceeding expectations

TODD KOROL/REUTERS

WestJet Airlines president and CEO Sean Durfy smiles by the firm's corporate headquarters in Calgary yesterday. WestJet reported yesterday that its first-quarter earnings fell to $37.4 million, beating market forecasts, and said it expected to emerge stronger than ever from a global travel slowdown.

Condo crash not in cards despite glut, reports say

HOMES While condo unit supply is now outpacing demand, likely due to overbuilding and downward pressure on prices, the risk of developing a broad reversal in prices is low, Scotiabank and TD Bank have said in separate studies.

There is concern among many homeowners and would-be purchasers that the market is headed for an '80s-style glut that once destroyed equity in condominiums by 40 per cent.

But both TD economist Pascal Gauthier and Scotiabank economist Adrienne Warren believe a crash similar to that of the United States is unlikely. They add that the Canadian housing market is holding up better than expected, thanks to historically low mortgage rates, greater affordability and increased supply.

While there is consensus that oversupply is an issue, this will be mitigated by an increasing number of pre-construction project cancellations, Warren said.

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Business in brief

AUTO U.S. President Barack Obama and Democratic lawmakers reached an agreement yesterday on proposed legislation to fight climate change by encouraging owners of less fuel-efficient cars to trade them in for cars that use less gasoline, lawmakers said.

CHRYSLER It is reasonable to expect automaker Chrysler will be able to repay the loan it will receive from the Canadian government to help it restructure, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said yesterday, adding the alliance with Fiat SpA should help Chrysler succeed. REUTERS

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Whitecaps renew rivalry with Toronto FC
The Whitecaps raise the curtain on the 2009 Nutrilite Canadian Championship tonight in Toronto. Metro's It's Called Football show is joined by Montreal Impact Manager John Limniatis, Toronto FC's Paul Beirne and Vancouver correspondent Simon Fudge in their Nutrilite Voyageurs Cup preview show. Watch at metronews.ca/blogs.

Sports

Pronger, Ott dirtiest: Poll

Chris Pronger, left, and Steve Ott, right, are the dirtiest players in the NHL, according to a Sports Illustrated poll of fellow players. The survey of 324 players that appears in this week's issue has Anaheim defenceman Pronger and Dallas forward Ott in a tie, each chosen by 13 per cent of their peers. Jarkko Ruutu of the Ottawa Senators was third at 12 per cent. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Canucks take lead in series

STANLEY CUP
2009 **Playoffs**

(CANUCKS LEAD SERIES 2-1)

Canucks 3 **Blackhawks** 1

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Vancouver Canucks Henrik Sedin (33) scores his team's third goal on Chicago Blackhawks goalie Nikolai Khabibulin during the second period in Game 3 of their NHL Western Conference semifinal hockey series in Chicago last night. The Canucks won 3-1.

THE SKINNY: The Canucks jumped out to a 3-0 lead on goals by Mason Raymond, Steve Bernier and Henrik Sedin, but for the first time in this series, did not relinquish the early advantage. Roberto Luongo made 23 saves for his sixth victory of the playoffs, as Brian Campbell's power-play point shot was the only one to elude the Canucks captain.

THE PACE: Game 3 was far less wide open than the first two games which favoured Vancouver. The Hawks generated very few chances off the rush, while the Canucks' forecheck was extremely effective for the first time in this series.

THE BATTLE: Luongo and human eclipse Dustin Byfuglien continued the crease war established in Vancouver. Byfuglien talked smack after providing the screen on Chicago's goal; Luongo responded with a two-hand shot to the chest of the Hawks forward.

THE RETURN: Taylor Pyatt played his first game since the tragic death of his fiancée on April 2, and he acquitted himself nicely. Pyatt had a team-high four shots on goal, blocked three shots and took a two-minute penalty for boarding.

THE RATING: Nowhere near the offence provided early in the series, but that suits Canucks' fans just fine. 3.5 out of 5 stars.

THE NEXT GAME: Game 4 goes tomorrow in the Windy City before the series shifts back to Vancouver on the weekend.

Sports in brief

UFC Middleweights Jason MacDonald and David Loiseau, two of the most experienced Canadian fighters in the UFC, have been cut by the organization. Fellow Canadian 185-pounder Jason Day has also been released, the UFC confirmed yesterday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Philadelphia 10 St. Louis 7
San Francisco 6 Chicago Cubs 2
Washington 10 Houston 10 (11 ings, susp., rain)
San Diego 2 Colorado 1 (10 ings)
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers

NHL Ducks down Wings

MIKE BLAKE/REUTERS

Anaheim Duck Todd Marchant collides with Detroit Red Wing Pavel Datsyuk last night in Anaheim, Calif. The Ducks won 2-1.

Balsillie seeks to buy Coyotes, bring them back to Canada

NHL Research In Motion co-CEO Jim Balsillie wants to buy the financially ailing Phoenix Coyotes and bring them to southern Ontario.

Balsillie says his $212.5-million US offer is conditional on moving the Coyotes north of the border.

"The current team ownership asked that I table an offer to purchase the Coyotes and significant discussions resulted in an offer that is in the best interests of the franchise, the NHL, and the great hockey fans of Canada and southern Ontario," Balsillie said yesterday.

Jim Balsillie

"I am excited to move closer to bringing an NHL franchise to what I believe is one of the best un-served hockey markets in the world — Southern Ontario.

"A market with devoted hockey fans, a rich hockey history, a growing and diversified economy and a population of more than seven million people."

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Man U moves on to Champs final

SOCCER Manchester United did yesterday what they failed to do at Old Trafford last week, killing off Arsenal's dreams of European glory by converting their chances in an outstanding display.

Arsenal could have gone into the Champions League second leg three or four goals behind if the European champions had taken their opportunities before halftime in the first leg.

Instead, United came in protecting a slender 1-0 lead, but they did not let Arsenal dodge the noose a second time.

Cristiano Ronaldo scored two outstanding goals, one a solo effort from a 40-metre free kick and the second to complete a devastating, sweeping counter-attacking move which instantly became a contender for goal of the season.

REUTERS

Hawks crushed by Cavs

NBA
2009 **Playoffs**

Newly-crowned league MVP LeBron James scored 34 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, and the Cleveland Cavaliers blew out Atlanta 99-72 in the opener of their Eastern Conference semifinal series yesterday.

Mo Williams sank four three-pointers, on the way to scoring 21 for the top-seeded Cavaliers, who waited a while to play their second-round opponent after finishing off a sweep of the Pistons in the first round on April 26.

"It was unbelievable how sharp we were tonight, having nine days off," said James. "That's tough on anybody. We came out and continued the momentum we had from the Detroit series."

Delonte West added 13 points and nine assists for the Cavs, who outscored the Hawks 50-28 in the second half.

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Metro Workology exclusive: Paws and Claws
This is the last edition of Metro Workology's Paws and Claws series. Bidding adieu here is Navy the Rottweiler and she wants you to read the whole thing online at Metronews.ca/work.

Workology

Optional evolution

Under proposed legislation in Alberta, provincial schools would be required to notify parents in advance about subject matter dealing explicitly with evolution, sexuality, or sexual orientation, and parents would be given the authority to exclude their children from classes if such topics come up. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Cross-Canada rally for stray pets

Paws and **Claws**

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

As many Canadians hope for a sunny May, many more lost, abandoned or abused animals hope to find a loving home.

This month the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies (CFHS) is teaming up with pet food producer Iams to raise awareness of pet adoption across Canada with the Iams Friends for Life campaign.

Steve Carroll, CEO of CFHS, says with more animals than ever in need of adoption, he hopes potential adopters will recognize both the value of companionship and the responsibilities inherent in adopting a pet.

"Friends for Life means that when we commit to bringing this loving being into our lives and they trust us, we have to return that trust for life," Carroll said.

More than 121 shelters across Canada are participating in the program with walk-a-thons, pet parenting clinics and free pet care kits given to each new adoptee by Iams.

Contrary to the stereotypical belief that animals at shelters tend to be unruly or unclean, Carroll says shelters are safe zones that provide exceptional care for loving pets who just need a good home.

"I think there are a lot of people who think of the animal shelter in their community as a place of last resort and that's just so far from the reality these days. These are not dumping grounds for animals — they are valuable community assets," he said.

GETTY IMAGES

Humane Societies across Canada and Iams have teamed up to raise awareness of adopting pets.

Carroll says 48 per cent of animal shelters report May as the busiest month of the year for new animal arrivals, making this month a crucial time for raising awareness about adoption.

For people thinking of bringing a furry little critter into their lives, Carroll hopes more people will consider adopting from a shelter because of the better animal care — and better price — a shelter offers.

Unlike at most pet stores or with a breeder, animals adopted from a shelter are already vaccinated, checked by a vet, spayed or neutered, temperament tested and even microchipped for identification purposes should they get lost in the future.

Given that the total costs for such services as well as the price of the animal can frequently run up to $1,000 at a retail outlet, the $350-$450 dollars a shelter charges for a similar, fully treated animal lets would-be owners get a well-loved animal for a fraction of the cost.

"A loving animal in your life is a great way to stay connected to your heart."
Steve Carroll

"A loving animal in your life is a great way to stay connected to your heart. It reminds us every day that we have to care, we have to love," Carroll said.

For more information, go to cfhs.ca or iamsfriendsforlifemonth.ca

That's it for our Paws and Claws exclusive series. Metro would like to thank everyone who submitted pictures of their pets. To see the archived articles of the Paws and Claws, stop by: **metronews.ca/work**

Global stress increasing

Difficult economic conditions have had a substantial impact on accounting and finance departments around the globe, according to a new survey of finance and human resources managers.

Respondents reported that economic conditions have contributed to heavier workloads, higher stress levels and lower morale. The study also found that firms are adapting their management strategies to maintain productivity and alleviate the burden on their employees.

The global survey was developed by Robert Half International. The study, focusing on hiring difficulties, retention concerns and other staffing-related issues, is based on a survey of more than 4,800 hiring managers in finance and human resources across 21 countries. This year, the report also examined the effects of the global economic downturn on financial teams around the world.

Employers Addressing Economy's Impact on Workers

In the report, 40 per cent of respondents stated that their finance and accounting departments had been affected by the downturn. Among that group, 49 per cent of respondents have a hiring freeze in place, 47 per cent have consolidated roles and 38 per cent have experienced layoffs. Executives from Hong Kong and France (60 per cent in each country), and Brazil (56 per cent) reported the highest levels of personnel change.

With the economic downturn, most companies are experienceing Increased stress according to a recent study.

Asked how current economic conditions have affected their individual employees, 39 per cent of respondents cited increased stress. Managers surveyed from Australia and Ireland, along with those from the United States, reported the highest levels of stress among their financial teams (48 per cent). The next most commonly cited effects were heavier workloads and decreased morale.

In response to the economic downturn and its impact on their employees, the majority of managers surveyed (70 per cent) said they have taken some form of action to better support their teams. The most common measures employers worldwide are taking include postponing projects and redistributing workloads. Many respondents also said their firms have increased the level of communication with employees.

"Leaner teams mean that everyone is doing more work with fewer resources, which ultimately produces diminishing returns," said Max Messmer, chairman and CEO of Robert Half International. "As a result, managers are rebalancing assignments in an effort to prevent overwork and ensure team members are focused on the most critical projects."

Recruiting and Retention Concerns Persist

Despite slowing economic conditions, most managers (56 per cent) said they were still having difficulty finding skilled job candidates for accounting and finance positions, the same percentage as in last year's survey. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Best Friends

• Metro would like thank everyone who has sent in a picture of their pet. Our Paws and Claws feature will be finishing up today. We apologize if we weren't able to get your pet in the paper.

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Sky-high plans
With strong winds sweeping some of Paris high points such as Montmartre — whose landmark, Sacre Coeur basilica, is shown here — the city's authorities are planning to build small wind turbines on some rooftops to harness the gusts. REUTERS

Travel

Hands off my luggage

Sure, you can always tie a piece of yarn to the handle of your suitcase to prevent mixups at the luggage carousel. But these Not-Your-Bag Tags from My Tagalongs, mytagalongs.com, are so much more entertaining. With phrases like "Guess again," "Maybe not," "That's my stuff" and "Don't take me," your fellow passengers will certainly know they should keep their grubby hands off of your bags. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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The lowdown on London shopping

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Take advantage of the low price of the pound and ongoing sales and get your credit card out for some shopping in London. Here is our guide to the city's best retail areas.

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Left, a shop assistant at The Wonder Room, a concept boutique in department store Selfridges. Right, Brick Lane.

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Tube stop: Angel to Highbury & Islington

Vibe: More interesting than your average high street, Upper Street offers mainstream stores, hip independent boutiques and lots of gourmet cafés.

The route: Walk to the right out of Angel Tube to Camden Passage, where you'll find a market selling vintage clothes and jewelry, as well as chic boutiques including Frost French and eco-friendly Equa. There's more designer womenswear back on Upper Street at Diverse, Whistles, Ghost and menswear at Sefton and Zee & Co. Oliver Bonas offers fashion, furniture and gifts at reasonable prices, and Twentytwentyone, Revelloyd and Atelier Abigail Ahern sell designer homeware. Try Space NK for hot beauty products from all over the world.

Lunch stop: A full English breakfast at The Breakfast Club on Camden Passage.

2. Oxford Street and Bond Street

Tube stop: Oxford Street to Green Park

Vibe: Europe's busiest shopping street is host to major brands' flagship shops and classic department stores. Its neighbour, Bond Street, offers designer brands from Mulberry to Alexander McQueen.

The route: Make your pilgrimage to Topshop at Oxford Circus, then turn into Regent's Street to find the Apple Store, historic department store Liberty and giant toyshop Hamleys.

Return to Oxford Street for department stores including John Lewis and Selfridges, which is celebrating its centenary this year, and look for budget fashion at H&M, Primark, New Look and River Island. On Bond Street, you'll find high-end jewelers and fashion stores including Miu Miu, Hermes, D&G, Prada and Chanel, as well as old-fashioned shopping arcades including The Royal Arcade where you can get shoes handmade for you at G.J. Cleverley.

Lunch stop: By the time you've reached Piccadilly it will be time for afternoon tea. Graze on sandwiches, scones and cakes at the elegant Wolseley restaurant, next to the Ritz.

3. Spitalfields and Brick Lane

Tube stop: Liverpool Street

Vibe: This area is home to retro markets, vintage clothing stores and bohemian cafés frequented by Hoxton hipsters in skinny jeans and coloured Ray-Bans.

The route: Come out of Liverpool Street Station and cross over to Spitalfields Market, spitalfields.co.uk. On weekdays there's an eclectic mix of shops to browse through and on weekends, stalls sell vintage sunglasses and lampshades, artwork from up-and-coming artists and fashions from art-school designers.

Continue onto Brick Lane, lined with curry restaurants and hip boutiques. Visit Luna & Curious for a mix of porcelain butterfly charms and '70s-style waistcoats; and Mimi Berry for East London's coolest pretty, squishy leather handbags with flirty names. On Sundays the old Truman Brewery warehouse hosts Up Market, consisting of 140 stalls selling fashion, vinyl, crafts and jewelry.

Lunch stop: Stop for a brownie or superfood salad at healthy fast food joint Leon in Spitalfields market square.

4. Notting Hill and Portobello Road

Tube stop: Notting Hill Gate

Vibe: Home to London's society fashion crowd — think Luella Bartley and Sienna Miller — Notting Hill is good for fashion new and old.

The route: Come out of Notting Hill Gate tube and head up Pembridge Road to hit Portobello Road, where the mythical market mile sells everything from antique lamps to 1950s straw hats.

Running alongside is Kensington Park Road, where Coco Ribbon sells luxury items oozing in femininity and British designer Paul Smith devotes a whole townhouse to his clothes and accessories.

Try Westbourne Grove for some bohemian attitude at Sienna and Savannah Millers' boutique Twenty8Twelve and then move on to Ledbury Road for some Parisian-style purchases including Repetto ballet pumps or Antik Batik pearl kaftans at designer boutique Aimé.

Lunch stop: Try Ottolenghi on Ledbury Road for healthy deli snacks and flourless chocolate cake.

5. Knightsbridge and Kings Road

Tube stop: Knightsbridge to Sloane Square

Vibe: This area is the shopping mecca of the mega-rich, who cruise the lavish department stores and designer boutiques that are dedicated to their every need.

The route: You step into another world when you exit Knightsbridge tube and enter the gold and green doors of Harrods. It's a warren of sumptuous rooms dedicated to the finest and most expensive versions of everything — watches, jewelry, furniture, clothes, sportswear, shoes, and even pet fashions. For more bling, head down Sloane Street for YSL, Gucci, and Jimmy Choo, and nearer to Sloane Square, you'll find fragrance guru Jo Malone. On Sloane Square check out the charms at Links of London and the refreshing interiors at The White Company. Hit the King's Road for unusual fashions at Graham & Green, and London's prettiest chocolate shop, Rococo.

Lunch stop: Snack on a cheap, delicious Lebanese shawarma from Maroush II, maroush.com, on Beauchamp Place, or Ranoush on the King's Road.

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Road to success

Suzuki Grand Vitara goes for modern looks

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada

Sensing the market was changing drastically, Suzuki announced last fall it would add a four-cylinder model to its popular Grand Vitara line, downsizing one its most popular products at the right time.

Suzuki is no stranger to four-bangers and four-wheel-drive beginning almost 40 years ago with the diminutive SJ410/SJ413. From these two humble vehicles sprang a myriad of offspring sold by Suzuki and by General Motors.

And while the Grand Vitara name has been around for a while, the current generation combines welcome good looks with a proven drive train and proper 4WD, not all-wheel-drive.

To the original V6-powered Grand Vitara was added the new 2.4-litre with variable valve timing that produces 166 hp and 162 ft/lb of torque and can tow up to 3,000 lbs (1,360 kg). Suzuki claims that is double of any of its four-cylinder competitors. The 2.4-litre is fitted with a five-speed manual or four-speed automatic transmission.

Tested here is what is expected to be the most popular/affordable version, the JX four-cylinder with automatic transmission starting at $27,995. In the 2.4-litre versions, Grand Vitara starts with the base JA at $25,995 and goes up to the JLX with automatic and leather seating starting at $29,995.

The JX as tested has standard four-wheel vented disc brakes, automatic climate control, cruise, power windows/doors/locks and heated outside mirrors. Besides six airbags all Grand Vitaras come standard with ABS with electronic brake force distribution and Electronic Stability Control.

2009 Suzuki Grand Vitara JX

Type: Compact SUV
Price: $27,999 (no options as tested)
Engine: 2.4-litre, inline four-cylinder (166 hp, 162 lb/ft)
Fuel Economy: 2.4-litre automatic (as tested), 11.2/8.6L/100 km (25/33 mpg) city/highway

Highlights

- Proper 4WD drive
- Modern interior, exterior

The styling of the Grand Vitara marks it as one of the first Suzukis in a long time to look contemporary. Previously, Suzuki SUVs were long on reliability (they still are) but they just didn't have the same eye appeal of the competitors like Honda CRV and Hyundai Tucson. That has now been addressed with the 2009 model, but I notice it still retains its signature full spare with cover on the rear, swing-open gate.

The makeover of the interior stands out. Gone are the painfully hard, black plastics and the placement of controls that was almost haphazard.

Second, there is finally more than enough front seat travel and, third, the rear seat is one of the longest cushions I can remember. No more numb bum back there.

Grand Vitaras are equipped with a four-mode, dual-range four-wheel system with a centre-locking differential that is controlled by a rotary knob on the dashboard. In 4Hi, the torque is split 47/53, front/rear for normal driving. In heavier going, the differential can be locked in 4Hi-Lock and the torque split is 50/50.

Suzukis have always been known for their engineering be it cars, ATVs, outboards or motorcycles. They built stout and dependable products.

But now that Suzuki has married all that into really stylish offers, like the 2009 Grand Vitara, they look like they're on the 4X4 road to greater success.

Suzuki has added a four-cylinder version of its popular Grand Vitara for 2009. It boasts a towing capacity of 1,360 kg that is double that of its four-cylinder compact SUV competitors.

Safety nods for Ford Fusion models

PICKS The all-new 2010 Fusion and Fusion Hybrid have received a "Top Safety Pick" rating from the U.S.-based Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

Ford is the only automotive brand to offer two hybrids that have segment-leading fuel efficiency, "Top Safety Pick" awards and exclusive safety technologies.

The Fusion Hybrid offers 41 mpg city while the Escape Hybrid is the most fuel-efficient SUV on the market and also garnered a "Top Safety Pick."

The new Fusion Hybrid's class-leading fuel economy bests the Toyota Camry hybrid by 8 mpg in the city. It also features Ford's innovative SmartGauge with EcoGuide, which coaches hybrid drivers to maximize fuel efficiency.

Fusion gets some of their core strength from the use of lightweight high-strength steel in the body structure. The structure of the Fusion helps it withstand intrusion in a side impact.

The tailor-welded B-pillars between the front and rear doorframes are stronger at the top of the vehicle (from below the beltline upward) than at the bottom. This helps to channel energy below the level of the occupants. At the torso level and above, the structure helps to prevent intrusion into the passenger compartment.

Among the segment-exclusive safety and driver aid technologies on the new Fusion are Blind Spot Information System with Cross Traffic Alert and 911 Assist. FROM CARGUIDE

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'Right-sized' Journey

Dodge calls the 2009 Journey the "right-sized" crossover fitting in between the Caliber hatchback and the Grand Caravan minivan.

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada

If you can look past Chrysler's fiscal woes, the brand has some very good and successful vehicles in its model range.

The Grand Caravan minivan and the Ram pickup have been on the list of top selling nameplates for several years now. The Chrysler 300 full-size sedan and, of course Jeep, are also favourites among Canadian consumers.

Last year, Dodge introduced the Journey which it described as the "right-sized" crossover and it was slotted in between the Caliber compact car and the Grand Caravan minivan.

To me Journey is a clever way of taking a minivan and making it look like a SUV so people get the utility of up to seven seats along with a more rugged trucky look so in vogue these days.

Based on a stretched Sebring platform, the Journey answers the question about what ever happened to the regular-size Chrysler minivans and fills a void in the Chrysler/Dodge lineup at the same time.

Essentially this is the vehicle that fits in where the short-wheel-base Caravan used to be and is still very much in demand by a lot of consumers who don't want a full-size minivan in the Odyssey/Veracruz class. Bigger than a Mazda5, it also offers a real utility advantage against the rise of Santa Fe/Equinox/Edge competition.

Journey comes standard with four-wheel disc brakes with ABS, Electronic Stability Control with integrated traction control, Electronic Brake Assist, Electronic Rollover Mitigation and Trailer Sway Control.

Also standard is four-wheel independent suspension, 40/60 split folding rear seat, power heated mirrors, power locks and windows and, believe it or not at this price, a glove-box with chilled drink storage.

With all that equipment and a price point under twenty grand ($19,495 for the SE), it's a bargain.

Both SE models are powered by a 2.4-litre, variable valve timing DOHC inline four-cylinder producing 173 hp and 166 lb/ft of torque. It comes with a four-speed automatic transmission and is available only in front-wheel-drive (FWD).

On the highway, the R/T was light on the controls with the six-speed automatic shifting up and down seamlessly.

Call it a minivan, a station wagon, a hatchback or whatever a "crossover" is these days, the Dodge Journey does fit Chrysler's mantra of being the "right-sized" family vehicle.

2009 Dodge Journey R/T AWD

Type: Mid-size crossover van
Price: $29,995 (as tested)
Engine: 3.5-litre V6 (235 hp, 232 lb/ft)
Fuel Economy: 3.5-litre AWD, 14.2L/100 km city, 8.9L/100 km highway

Highlights

- Family van with good looks
- Affordable

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Audi celebrating 100th anniversary

German automaker Audi will celebrate its 100th anniversary this summer in an event that will include historic race cars and the public debut of the Audi R15 TDI racing prototype. German chancellor Angela Merkel is expected to attend the celebration. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Loving the top-down time of year

AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

metronews.ca/autopilot

Driving a convertible in spring and summer is a joyous experience, if you don't mind the wind ruffling your hair style beyond recognition, columnist Michael Goetz says.

It's been a long winter and a reluctant spring. But finally the sun is out and warm. The grass is riz. The trees are in bud.

So am I enjoying everything the season has to offer? Yes sir. I'm right where I want to be this time of year … in the basement, slightly drowsy on allergy medication, watching the NHL playoffs.

And as soon they're over, or there is a lull in the action for a few days, I'll engage in another springtime passion — driving top down. (Just to clarify, I'm keeping my shirt on; it's the car roof that comes down.)

It's tough to feel lousy when you're speeding through the countryside with sunshine on your head.

The experience also illuminates why our species became so enamoured with automobiles at the turn of the last century — we get that simple, primal rush of "being in motion."

Modern cars, and modern roadways, can disconnect us from this cool vibe, but the simple act of "dropping the top" can reconnect us to those heady days of the horseless carriage, when we first became the masters of our own mobility destinies, and sped off in all directions, just because we could.

These days, I borrow convertible test cars, and they're all very cool, but my strongest and fondest drop-top experiences came during my twenties, behind the wheel of my well-used 1973 MGB. In those days I was prone to taking fast runs late at night, and I can still feel how the air felt cooler whenever the road dipped into a valley, and how the countryside smelled during haying season.

I also remember what it smelled like when I happened to be trapped behind a garbage truck.

That's the double-edged sword thing happening. Convertibles let the sun in — good for your soul. But they also let the sun in — not good for pasty, white Canadian skin. I remember some long summer days in the MGB's saddle, an experience that made my face look like I'd been shaving with a blowtorch.

Convertibles also let the wind blow your hair — oh so groovy while you're driving, not so handy when you need to arrive somewhere with manageable hair.

The age-old solution to mitigate sunstroke and hair issues while experiencing open-air moorings is to wear some sort of headgear. Some people do it elegantly, like Audrey Hepburn and her kerchief, in any movie she made in the 1950s and 1960s. Me? Not a kerchief guy. Or a hat guy.

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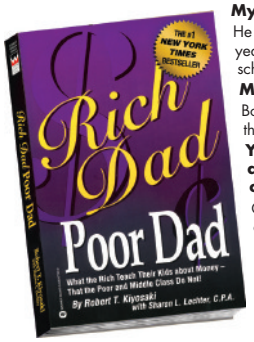
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By Robert T. Kiyosaki
with Sharon L. Lechter, C.P.A.

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Yet my highly educated dad struggled financially all his life and the other dad would become one of the richest men I had ever known.
One died leaving tens of millions of dollars to his family, charities, and his church. The other left a legacy of unpaid bills. Both men were strong, charismatic, and influential.

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Jeep unveils its 2011 Cherokee

DEBUT The all-new 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee made its world debut at the recent New York International Auto Show.

Jeep's all-new premium SUV features an athletic design, an all-new world-class interior, an all-new engine and legendary Jeep capability.

Nearly 18 years ago, Jeep invented the premium SUV segment with the introduction of the Jeep Grand Cherokee. More than four million sales later, Jeep improves the formula and hits the sweet spot of real-world capability and on-road refinement with the all-new 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee.

The all-new Jeep Grand Cherokee delivers premium on-road performance while maintaining the Jeep brand's legendary four-wheel-drive, torque-on-demand two-speed transfer case and unsurpassed towing capability. It also offers improved fuel economy (up to 11 per cent) and a world-class interior cabin.

The all-new Quadra-Lift air suspension system delivers legendary Jeep off-road capability along with the new Selec-Terrain system that allows the driver to choose the drive system that best matches on- or off-road driving conditions. New front and rear independent suspension systems deliver premium on-road handling and comfort.

The 2011 Jeep Cherokee at the recent New York auto show.

The Grand Cherokee is built on a proven rear-wheel-drive unibody platform sharing the same underpinnings as the Mercedes-Benz ML.

It also offers three 4x4 systems (Quadra-Trac I, Quadra-Trac II and Quadra-Drive II), and is available with two leading engine options for North American markets.

The all-new interior is elevated to that of its European competition and features rich materials and elegant appointments, as well as more room for both passengers and cargo. FROM CARGUIDE

Kia Rio makes Forbes' list for value

EFFICIENCY Recently named as one of the "Greenest Vehicles of 2009" by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE), Kia has announced the 2009 Kia Rio sub-compact sedan has been recognized as the number to pick for the "Most Fuel-Efficient Cars for the Buck" by Forbes.com in the U.S.

No other hybrid made this list, according to Kia.

The 2009 Kia Spectra compact sedan was also recognized, placing sixth on the Forbes.com list, with both vehicles earning praise for their impressive fuel economies and low starting prices.

Using data from Vincentric, an automotive research company based in Michigan, Forbes.com considered only 2009 models and added the price of gas for each vehicle, assuming 15,000 miles per year over a five-year span, to manufacturer suggested retail prices (MSRP) and took the 2009 models with the lowest sums. FROM CARGUIDE

Storage needs ignored: Report
Manufacturers and designers are overlooking basic storage needs in vehicles, according to a new report by J.D. Power and Associates. The study and is intended to provide manufacturers with insights on customer seating and storage preferences. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

Motor gifts for moms

This Mother's Day you can pick up car accessories for your mom.

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada

Some years after changing your diapers, packing your lunch for school and hauling you to hockey practice, your mom probably helped to teach you how to drive. If you've ever made fun of her driving, she'll likely remind you of it without hesitation.

With Mother's Day right around the corner, why not consider scrapping the usual generic presents in place of something cool for her car? Whether new or old, your mother's ride could probably do with some accessorizing, cleaning or dressing up to make it more enjoyable. After all, doesn't she deserve it? Here are some ideas:

• Pick up some drive-thru car wash tickets from your local gas station to help Mom keep her ride clean. Most of these don't expire for several months, so she can keep them tucked in her sun visor for a while. They'll run you between about $6 and $9.

• Now that you've outgrown flinging Cheerios, crayons and fries around the cabin of Mom's car, wouldn't a good interior cleaning be appropriate? In addition to increasing enjoyment and looks, a spotless cockpit packs that extra sentimental value that comes with a hand-made gift.

Break out the vacuum, some vinyl cleaner, Windex and a few rags, and you'll have the interior looking factory-fresh in no time. Leave mom at the spa while giving her car a spa treatment for maximum effect.

• Of course, many Moms have the "clean and tidy"thing under control. If that's the case, why not consider buying yours a sense of direction! The market is packed full of navigation systems that can be fitted to any vehicle. Priced from under $200 to more than $600, you'll be able to find mom a system that's perfect for her needs and your budget. Most users find aftermarket navigation systems easy to learn and install, and many come with a memory to store common destinations on board.

• Is your mom an iPod fanatic? Is her car missing an input jack for the stereo? If so, musical mediocrity at the wheel can become a thing of the past. Even if Mom's ride doesn't have a CD player, she can still enjoy her MP3s on the go with a cassette player adapter or FM transmitter.

• To keep Mom on the go in style, be sure to consider some dealer-installed accessories for her chariot. Even relatively minor and inexpensive visual upgrades like a bug-deflector, exhaust tips and chrome grille accents can make a big punch in the looks department that she's sure to appreciate. If the budget allows, some upgraded rims and a spoiler will help dress up her rig even more.

Use this gift to compensate for any dents, scratches or other damaged caused by your early years of driving.

Remember: your Mom's car is probably like a little home away from home. Give it some TLC, and you'll go up a few notches in her good books.

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Unrestrained pets can distract a driver, says pet safety expert Christina Selter, and in a crash, they can be hurt, or inflict injuries.

Buckling up best for pets

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

Few people today would drive even a short distance without their children safely buckled into their seats. Now it's time to do the same for our animals, says pet safety advocacy group Bark Buckle UP (barkbuckleup.com).

Unrestrained dogs and cats can distract a driver, says pet safety expert Christina Selter, and in a crash, they can be hurt, inflict injuries on human passengers, or even attack first responders who are trying to help.

She cites a chilling statistic: in a collision of just 56 km/h, an unsecured dog weighing 27 kg will launch with a force of 1,224 kg. "If that hits you in the back of the neck, it would break your neck, or be launched through the windshield," she warns.

If a front airbag deploys when you have a pet on your lap, the airbag will almost certainly kill the animal. Not only that, but Selter says that the force of the bag, which deploys at around 321 km/h, will push the pet into your abdomen, possibly causing human internal injuries. And pet injuries don't necessarily have to be from a collision.

Just slamming on the brakes can tumble an animal off the seat, possibly resulting in broken limbs or lacerations. A pet that gets behind the pedals can prevent you from fully applying the brakes, even as it suffers injuries from being jammed between the pedal and the floor. And it's not unusual for a dog to be so interested in something outside the car that he jumps out through an open window.

The safest place is tethered to the rear seat, or the cargo area of SUVs or wagons. Cats or smaller dogs should be in a carrier that's secured with tie-downs, as it will fly through the car in a crash if it's unsecured.

Pet stores sell travel harnesses, carrier tethers and seat leashes, ranging from about $20 to $40, all of which attach to the car's seatbelts. The leashes should never be attached to a collar, and harnesses should have wide straps, which even out the force of a crash and help prevent internal injuries.

Even if an unrestrained pet isn't injured, it could hamper rescue efforts, "protecting" its owner from a first responder who's trying to help. Should someone open the car door, the pet could dart into traffic, and be killed or cause a second collision as drivers swerve to avoid it.

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Ugandan students build 'Poor Man's Car'
Ugandan university students have built a prototype of what they call "The Poor Man's Car" – fashioned from sheet metal, wood seats and diesel engine pulled from a corn mill, Wired.com reports. The car costs only $4,500. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Many new features in E 63 sedan

E 63 AMG from Mercedes.

AMG, the high-performance brand within Mercedes-Benz Cars, is presenting the new E 63 AMG for 2009.

This dynamic sports sedan with day-to-day suitability impresses with outstanding performance, thrilling handling characteristics and a technology transfer from the SL 63 AMG Roadster.

The new E 63 AMG distinguishes itself from the regular Mercedes-Benz E-Class models with a completely newly developed AMG Ride Control sports suspension with electronically controlled damping and a new front axle, and with its autonomous exterior and interior design.

At the same time Mercedes-AMG has achieved a reduction in fuel consumption by almost 12 per cent for the new E 63 AMG, thanks to the concerted use of fuel efficiency measures.

With its unique combination of pioneering driver assistance systems, the E 63 AMG further consolidates the brand's leading position in the field of automotive safety.

The AMG 6.3-litre V8 engine in the new E 63 AMG develops a power output figures for the SL 63 AMG. It produces 525 hp.

The high-performance Roadster has also donated its AMG SPEEDSHIFT MCT 7-speed sports transmission to the new model.

It dispenses with a conventional torque converter and uses a compact, wet start-up clutch.

In conjunction with the four individual driving modes, the throttle blipping and RACE START functions, the resulting, direct connection to the powertrain allows an extremely emotional and highly dynamic driving experience.

The drive unit is unique in this segment, and ensures sporty performance figures: The E 63 AMG accelerates from 0-100 km/h in just 4.5 seconds, with a top speed of 155 mph (electronically limited).

A new, electronically controlled damping system automatically varies the damping characteristics according to the driving situation, reducing the roll angle of the body.

The result is instant adjustment to provide the best possible ride comfort together with the greatest possible agility.

In addition the driver is able to choose between the three suspension modes of Comfort, Sport and Sport plus at the touch of a button.

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Rihanna cancels concert

Rihanna has cancelled her planned May 28 comeback concert in Dubai, which was set to be her first performance since her February incident with ex-boyfriend Chris Brown, according to the Sun. METRO WORLD NEWS

Entertainment

Playboy offer

Heidi Montag will reportedly earn $500,000 US if she chooses to pose for Playboy magazine, according to Hollyscoop. Montag is keeping mum about it, but Hugh Hefner says "I think she will ..." METRO WORLD NEWS

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Bright Lights and New Cities

Group seeks success outside of Quebec

BRIAN TOWIE
Metro Canada

"You have these role models, you see the people who make it and you begin to believe you can do that too." Nicolas Denis

Today Canada, tomorrow the world pretty much sums up The New Cities' ethos.

The six dance-rockers from Montreal certainly have the backing to make a decent go of it. Their recently released disc Lost In City Lights is one of the latest in a tsunami of dance-rock acts currently out there — keyboards and guitars form the one-two punch over the dancehall rhythms.

But this group in particular attracted some credible help such as producer Greig Nori (Treble Charger, Sum 41) and Dave Ogilvie (David Bowie, Nine Inch Nails), who both added a big-label polish to a sound that belies the grit and elbow grease of their first independent EP.

"At first we had a hard time trying to find the right balance between both because guitars and synths aren't easy to mix together," says keyboardist Nicolas Denis, adding Lost In City Lights had been in production since 2006. "The EP we released was a lot more indie — kind of like a first draft of what we wanted to do with the band. They (Nori and Ogilvie) brought this pop sensibility that we didn't have."

It's an ambitious agenda for the young sextet compared to their humble beginnings some three years ago, playing to Trois-Rivieres high-schoolers as four-man ska-punk outfit the Gamblers. The band was a kind of prototype for the future electro-pop vehicle. Exit the Specials, enter the Faint and Death From Above 1979 as sonic svengalis.

"It's was kind of a school for us," says Denis. "Our first everything — tour, gigs, and van were through that band. We wanted to keep it dancey but do something different, the kind of stuff we were into."

Denis admits the band had some misgivings about performing outside their native Quebec, saying that in the past, acts that would be a top draw there would hit an odd sort of Peter Principle in other provinces. Different days now that Quebec acts gain international attention, and he'll be the first to acknowledge it.

"The mentality is really starting to change," Denis said. "When you start to play music in Quebec, especially if you sing in English, it just seems more like a dream than a possibility. But you have these role models, you see the people who make it and you begin to believe you can do that too."

SONY MUSIC PHOTO

Lost In City Lights is the debut full-length album from Montreal's The New Cities.

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critics' corner

Scrubs

Is there such a thing as a "cult smash"? Any hospital patient would be blessed to have the longevity of this hilarious sitcom, which ran seven years on NBC before being canceled, then another season here on ABC. Tonight marks its season finale on the Alphabet Net. Series finale, too? Maybe, but don't look for a flatline just yet. The docs at Sacred Heart have come back from the dead before! Zach Braff and Donald Faison star. 8 PM on ABC

Criminal Minds

The team suspects that a series of vehicular homicides along a dangerous stretch of road in Oregon may be the work of a serial killer who is using his car as a lethal weapon in the new episode "Roadkill." Nicholas Brendon ("Buffy the Vampire Slayer") and Dale Midkiff guest star; Joe Mantegna, Thomas Gibson, Paget Brewster, Shemar Moore and Matthew Gray Gubler also star. 8 PM on CTV

Fans beam about new Star Trek

MOVIES Days away from its U.S. opening, 10 per cent of Star Trek fans planning to see the movie say in a survey that they plan to show up to theaters in costume, online ticket seller Fandango.com said yesterday.

Also, 67 per cent of Fandango users expecting to see the film are men based on its survey of nearly 4,000 movie goers. Star Trek already accounts for 75 per cent of ticket sales at Fandango. REUTERS

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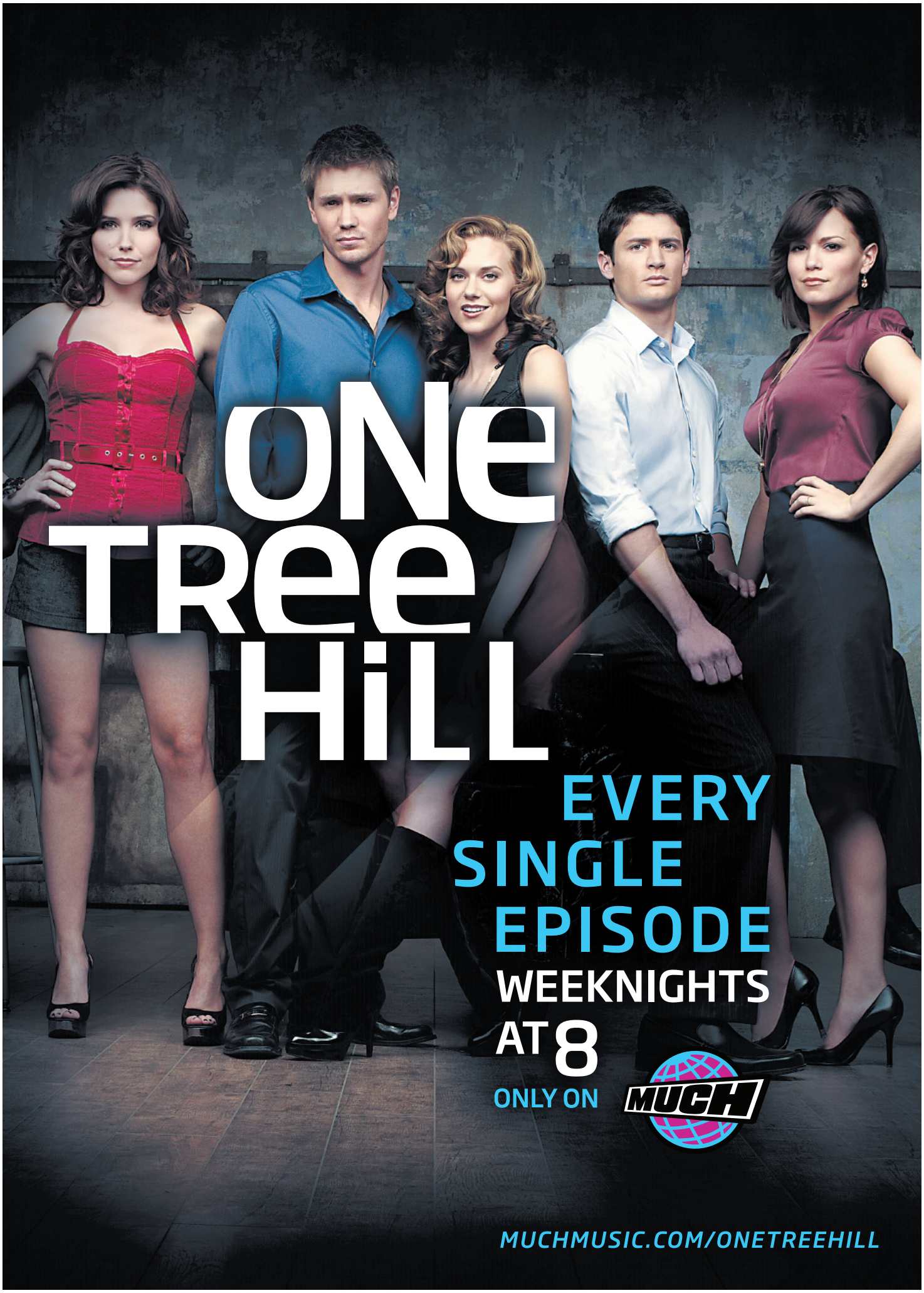
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Does Matt Damon get any glory?
Sarah Silverman's fake hookup with Matt Damon is still paying off. The comedian's hit viral music video, I'm F—ing Matt Damon, which won her an Emmy in September, has now netted her a best actress Webby award. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Kate to pen first book

JUICY DETAILS Kate Moss will reportedly receive $2 million to write an autobiography, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

British businessman Richard Branson has revealed his publishing house Virgin Books will publish the 35-year-old supermodel's first book.

Though he wouldn't confirm when it would be released, he said it would be a no-holds-barred "exciting read" of Moss' life and would contain anecdotes about her celebrity friends.

The tome is expected to reveal intimate details about Moss' drug abuse, her breakup from rocker Pete Doherty and recent allegations that she cheated on current boyfriend Jamie Hince with musician Eve Berlin last year.

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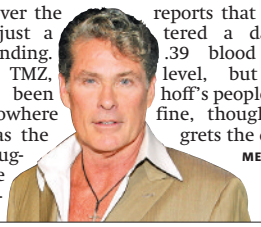
Hoff wasn't that drunk

DRINKING It turns out David Hasselhoff's trip to the emergency room for alcohol poisoning over the weekend was just a big misunderstanding.

According to TMZ, Hasselhoff had been drinking, but nowhere near as much as the original story suggested, and he was not unconscious when he was driven to the hospital.



Of course, radaronline.com reports that he registered a dangerous .39 blood alcohol level, but Hasselhoff's people say he's fine, though he regrets the drinking.

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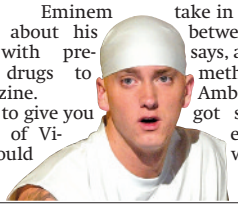
Eminem's drug battle

ADDICTION Eminem opens up about his struggle with prescription drugs to Vibe magazine.

"If I was to give you a number of Vicodin I would actually take in a day? Anywhere between 10 to 20," he says, adding he also did methadone. "Valium, Ambien, the numbers got so high I don't even know what I was taking."



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Spears' boyfriend to get wrist slap?

JAIL TIME He's out of the hospital, but Casey Aldridge must now deal with the legal implications of his recent truck crash, people.com reports.

Alridge — better known as Jamie Lynn Spears' boyfriend and the father of their 10-month-old daughter Maddie — was charged with careless operation of a motor vehicle after he drove off a road into a ditch and flipped his F-250 pickup truck on April 26.

According to Louisiana criminal attorney Lester Gauthier, who is not involved with the case, the 20-year-old will face a fine of no more than $175 US and/or imprisonment for not more than 30 days.

"A typical sentence might be the fine plus court costs," says Gauthier. "He may not have a prison sentence. If he is given a prison sentence, it likely will be suspended." The suspension, he explains, would not be enforced if conditions — such as a driving course — are complied with and he does not get into further trouble during the probation.

"(Aldridge's) licence would probably not be suspended," adds Gauthier, and the teen may not even need to appear in court.

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No marriage regrets: Jessica

NO REGRETS Jessica Simpson doesn't regret marrying Nick Lachey, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer — who divorced Nick in 2005, after three years of marriage — is glad she was married, even though she hasn't spoken to her former husband "in years."

The 28-year-old singer also defended her decision to star in MTV reality show Newlyweds, insisting the show didn't destroy her marriage.

She said: "The show made me understand what marriage is, what love is, what commitment is. In all honesty, I believe it did not affect our marriage. Because we enjoyed watching those episodes, and that will always be a time I cherish."

Simpson — who was just 22 when she walked down the aisle — told Vanity Fair that getting married was what we all wanted. Go to college, get married, and have babies. It was my way of thinking. At 16, every boyfriend I had I was going to marry."

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Jen's '80s fashion faux pas

BAD TASTE Jennifer Aniston used to wear a policeman's hat while partying, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress — who is often voted the world's most stylish woman — admitted she made many fashion faux pas during the '80s when she regularly visited New York's all-night clubs.

She said: "I did have that period."

Aniston went on to describe her favourite outfit, which consisted of ripped tights, boots, a police hat and "maybe a bra."

The 40-year-old actress — who also confessed to dancing on the clubs' podiums — added to talk show host Jimmy Fallon: "No one should have let us go outside like that."

Although her days of wild parties and fashion mistakes are over, Aniston recently admitted to worrying about something else — grey hairs.

The 40-year-old actress said: "I found a really long grey hair and it kind of flipped me out. It's not my first but it's the fact that it was so long. I was like, 'Oh that's been there. How many others are there, and what does that mean?' It actually brought me to tears slightly."

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Katy's cat wants 'Kitty Purry' flu

FLU FASHION Only Katy Perry could find just the right bling for a global pandemic, people.com reports.

"Since swine flu is super trendy I wanted to make sure I was in style with my swine flu ring" the singer writes on her blog. "I got this one in Miami at Big Drop the other day ... a flying piggy."

And if that's not silly enough, Perry relates a conversation about the swine flu she had with her cat (yes, her cat), whom she's named Kitty Purry.

"Kitty Purry was telling me the other night that she remembers when bird flu was in and now pig flu is cool and she wonders when kitty flu is gonna hit," writes Perry, "as she would like to be more popular than she currently already is.

Fame whore."

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Circle of Friends

NO BEEF Courteney Cox and husband David Arquette had a run-in with Brad Pitt at a concert in Los Angeles recently, but rather than let Cox's friendship with Jennifer Aniston, Pitt's ex-wife, get in the way, the three reportedly got on famously, according to Page Six.

"Instead of ignoring him, Courteney chatted away with Brad all night," a source says. "The three were in great spirits and seemed really happy to see each other."

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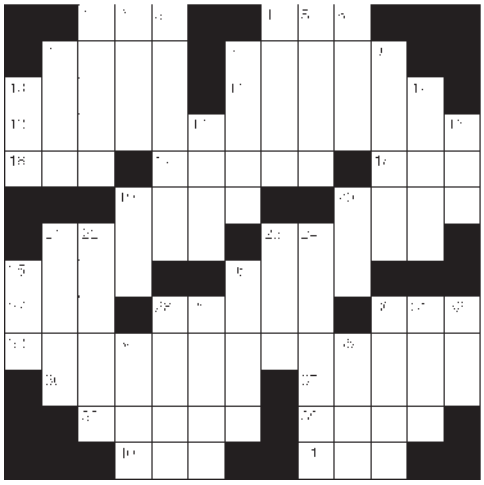

Crossword across

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4 Gasoline stat
7 He gave us a lift
8 Hideaways
10 Sedative, for short
11 Recently
13 1967 suspense movie
16 Antiquated
17 Tittles
18 Fourth letter
19 Jason's carrier
20 Elite alternative
21 Cash storage structures
23 Gold measure
25 Calendar abbr.
26 Staffer
27 As well
28 Green sauce
30 Feathery accessory
33 Star of 13-Across
36 Pakistan city
37 Ballroom favourite
38 Red Square figure
39 Vortex
40 Sailor's assent
41 P.I.

Crossword down

1 Composed
2 Intimate
3 Knighthood candidate
4 Mario Puzo subject
5 Prescriptions, often
6 Alumnus
7 Kind of history or hygiene
8 Gambling game
9 Ancient arenas
10 Pair
12 Not slouching
14 Eggy quaffs
15 Mauna —
19 Sternward
20 Opposite of post-
21 Asian city
22 Footless
23 Charlie Brown's nemesis?
24 Took as one's own
25 RR stop
26 Wan
28 Indiana's state flower
29 High nest (Var.)
30 Type of pan
31 Unrestrained revelry
32 Year in Acapulco
34 Comical Caroline
35 Commanded

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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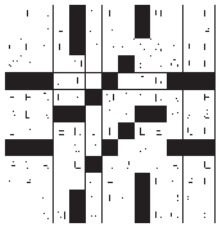

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17-21 min .....Smart
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25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Chicken and Mushroom Pie

INGREDIENTS:

1 tbsp (25 ml) butter
3 1/4 cups (800 ml) button mushrooms, halved
1 1/4 cups (300 ml) cream cheese
2/3 cup (150 ml) 1% milk
1/2 tsp (2 ml) hot English or Dijon mustard
3 1/3 cups (825 ml) diced cooked chicken
2 tbsp (25 ml) snipped fresh chives
salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 sheet pre-made puff pastry

METHOD:

1. Put baking tray in oven and preheat to 400 F (200 C).
2. Melt butter in large frying pan over moderately low heat. Add mushrooms and gently cook, stirring occasionally until tender, 4–5 minutes.
3. Put cream cheese in large bowl and lightly beat until softened.
4. Reserve 1 1/2 tbsp (20 ml) milk; pour rest into bowl with cream cheese along with mustard. Stir into thick sauce.
5. Add chicken, chives and mushrooms with juices to creamy sauce. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper, then spoon mixture into 4-cup pie dish. Place pie funnel or upturned ovenproof china egg cup, in middle of filling to support pastry lid.
6. Roll out pastry on lightly floured surface until about 2 in. (5 cm) larger all round than pie dish. Cut off 1 1/4-in. (3-cm) strip around the edge of pastry sheet, then press this strip onto rim of pie dish. Lightly brush with water, then lay pastry lid on top, pressing edges together to seal.
7. Trim excess pastry, pinch to seal, then flake the edges: Hold sharp knife horizontally to side of pastry edge and make shallow cuts all around. Re-roll pastry trimmings and cut out leaf shapes to decorate and stick onto the pastry lid with a little reserved milk. Glaze all over with remaining milk and cut two slits in top for steam.
8. Place pie dish on hot baking tray and bake 25–30 minutes, or until pastry is nicely puffed and golden brown. Let stand 5 minutes before serving, sprinkled with pepper.

SERVES 4

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For nutritional information on this and other great recipes, go to **rd.ca** or check out **Key Ingredients in this month's Reader's Digest, on newsstands now!**

Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A crazy person brings a crisis to a head. A strong supporter breaks the rules. Indecision will cause some very bad dreams.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
An impressive person shows you how to increase your income. Avoid signing any binding contracts. A girl makes annoying plans.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Stay away from a thrilling conflict. Don't move stuff around after dark. A troubled teenager needs to avoid conflict.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A creepy guy is involved in maniacal outbursts. A wiser man regrets hurtful actions. Secret desires will reveal insecurity.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
A contented caller shares feelings and talks about daydreams. Time passes very quickly. A captivating man has plenty of money.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Stories about memory problems have lost their charm. A pompous colleague just won't go away. Don't speak until innocence is revealed.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A fashionable woman won't complain or explain. A persuasive person's achievements will be great. A hopeless situation affects your choices.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
An innocent person is uncertain about life. Be specific about your needs when love is in the air. A snob helps someone who is just starting out.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You're surprised after justice is done. Speak the truth and challenge a lame excuse. Be kinder to the dreary people.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
A female takes more time than you expected. You have the energy to confront a problem. Expect a gift from a selfish friend.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
An astounding player has lost a battle. You've come to terms with a problem. You'll be surprised by getting a bonus.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You'll give someone a second opinion. Stay away from people who are in denial. A procrastinator isn't a loyal friend.

This day in history

MAY 6, 1527: Spanish and German troops sack Rome; some consider this the end of the Renaissance.
MAY 6, 1536: King Henry VIII orders English language Bibles be placed in every church.
MAY 6, 1682: Louis XIV of France moves his court to Versailles.
MAY 6, 1889: The Eiffel Tower is officially opened to the public at the Universal Exposition in Paris.
MAY 6, 1940: John Steinbeck is awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his novel The Grapes of Wrath.
MAY 6, 2008: The last episode of Scrubs is aired.

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Don't take a chance with British Columbia's future!

Confused about STV?

On May 12, BC votes in a referendum on a complicated electoral system – STV – the Single Transferable Vote.

STV's giant ridings – each with up to 7 MLAs and 350,000 voters – **would remove local accountability of MLAs.**

You would no longer have a local MLA responsible for issues in your riding – instead there would be a committee of MLAs for a much larger area – and none could be held to account.

Our 85 ridings would shrink to just 20!

And the complicated **STV system chops votes into fractions** – you may never know where your vote went.

Proponents claim STV makes politics better – like electing more women.

In the only 2 places where STV is used nationally – Ireland and Malta – women are hardly ever elected. Ireland elected just 13% women, Malta 9%. Under BC's current system the number is 23%.

Proponents say STV reduces party influence and increases cooperation – dead wrong.

With giant ridings, candidates will be more dependent on their party to get their message out. And Irish politics are more party controlled, back-room and nasty than almost anywhere.

STV advocates say third parties and independents will have a better chance of being elected. But in Malta under STV there hasn't been a third party elected since the 1960s, or an independent since the 1950s.

Under STV, in Victoria candidates need only 12.5% of the vote to be elected but in Dawson Creek 33% and in Prince George 25%.

That's simply not fair! The farther you are from the Legislature, the more votes it takes to get you there!

All these negative problems are why No STV – people from all political backgrounds – including NDP, Green, BC Liberal, BC Conservative, BC Refederation and non-aligned voters – oppose STV.

And it's why groups as different as the Vancouver Board of Trade and the Canadian Union of Public Employees – BC urge voters to reject STV.

Don't take a chance on British Columbia's future – Vote No to STV.

Vote to keep our current First Past The Post system – and if you want change – work for a far better system than STV.

ON MAY 12 STV IS NOT THE ANSWER

Reject STV !
Vote for our current FPTP system.

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